to liquidate these flats in favour of the allottees/occupants. The price of the flats has already been fixed and in many cases notices for payment have also been issued. The flats will be liquidated only after the payment of the price and clearance of arrears of licence fee.

The DDA has ceased to maintain these tenements with effect from 11-6-84 and it is the responsibility of occupants/allottees to maintain these tenements after 1 6.84.

(e) and (f) The cattle catching staff conducts raids in the area from time to time and they have been directed to attend to stray cattle nuisance more vigorously.

**Fodder and seeds to tribal farmers in Rajasthan**

1680. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memoranda recently from the tribal farmers of Rajasthan and other States, demanding fodder for the cattle and seeds to face the acute drought and famine; and

(b) if so, what action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) No memoranda have been received in this Ministry from tribal farmers of Rajasthan or from other States seeking assistance for fodder and seeds to face the drought situation. Administration of drought relief is the responsibility or the State Government concerned, and Central Government does not deal directly with the farmers. Government of India extends asis tance to the affected States for meeting natural calamities.

**Wasteful Expenditure by ICAR**

1681. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government attention has been drawn to the Annual report of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research containing many instances of infructuous/ wasteful expenditure incurred by the Council during the last one year;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been made to fix responsiblity for such infructuous and wasteful expenditure; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The Annual Report of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for the year 1984-85 which *Inter-alia* includes the Audit Report on the Accounts of the ICAR for the year 1984-85 was placed on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 12.5.1986. The Audit Report contains 16 paras. In accordance with Bye-law 20 of the Bye-Laws of the ICAR Society, the Governing Body is vested with the authority to deal with the audit objections before the same are placed before the Annual General Body. The Audit Report for the year 1984-85 together with the Council's comments was placed before the Governing Body on 25-3-1986 and subsequently before the Annual General Body on 27-3-1986. The Council is further pursuing the audit objections as per directives given by the Governing Body.

(b) The audit objections are to be finally dealt with in accordance with the directions given by the Governing Body. However, all concerned have been advised to take disciplinary action wherever necessary in accordance with the prescribed procedure.

(c) No action is required to be taken by the Government in view of the clarifications given against paras (a) and (b) above.

**Allotment of flats under the Self-Financing Scheme by DDA**

1682. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flats under the

Self-Financing Scheme built by the Delhi Development Authority so far;

(b) the number of these flats allotted to the registered persons eligible under the rules for Self-Financing Scheme;

(c) the total number of other persons who were not entitled for allotment of flats under the rules for Self-Financial Scheme, but were allotted flats as a special case during the last three years; and

(d) the total number of persons at present registered for allotment of flats under the Self-Financing Scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) 14,958 flats have been built upto 1985-86.

(b) 12,417.

(c) 40 persons were allotted SFS flats on out of turn basis.

(d) 56,568.

**Tender inquiry for Hearing AIDS**

1683. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received and complaint of irregularities regarding a tender inquiry for the supply of hearing aids from the Electronic Industries Association, Bombay, in the month of April, 1986; and

(b) if so, what were the irregularities pointed out and what steps were taken in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRDHAR GOMANGO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the complaint along with the report on the action taken on the complaint is given in the enclosed statement.

**Statement**

Sub: *Tender inquiry No. 4-56/85-SWI dated 18.2.86 for supply of Hearing Aid.*

Some of our members, manufacturing hearing aids, have brought to our notice a few points relating to the offers opened against the above tender enquiry on 14th March '86 and relevant action on the same thereafter. We reproduce them for your perusal and necessary action. We shall be grateful to receive your comments and clarifications on the same at the earliest.

*Irregularities in tenders submitted:*

I. Out of the ten tenders opened, one tender from PEICO/PHILIPS was opened under unusual conditions viz. as per the specific requirements of the tender, neither the tender opening date nor the tender number was indicated on the envelope. We understand that this is a statutory condition for all sealed tenders. We also feel that this tender should not have been opened as it was without the date and tender number.

II. The letter dated 18th February 1986 from the Social Welfare had indicated that the application for ISI branding should be submitted prior to 15th February 1986, which is post-factum.

A prior letter from the Ministry of Welfare had indicated that applications for ISI marking should be submitted before 15th January, 1986.

III. Whereas all tenders had made such an application before the specified date of 15th January, 1986, only one tenders M/s. PFICO|PHILIPS had enclosed a receipt (also not in their name) for ISI branding on 15th February, 1986. This information of late submission was disclosed during the tender opening.

IV. *Prima facie* it would appear that the extension of the date for ISI application to 15th February, 1986, was to accomodate the late submission by PEICO|PHILIPS, (but also not in their name).